

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

establishing a first power policy associated with a system that places the system in a low-power state after a first pre-determined period of time;

receiving from a user an indication via a display unit that the user is no longer using the system; and

in response to the indication, establishing a second power policy associated with the system that places the system in the low-power state after a second pre-determined period of time, wherein the second pre-determined time is less than the first pre-determined time.

receiving from a user an affirmative indication via a peripheral device that the user is no longer using a system, wherein the system comprises a processing unit and the peripheral device; and

adjusting an original power policy of the processing unit in response to the received indication.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

continuing, after receiving the indication, to execute instructions to support one or more remote devices prior to establishing the second power policy, wherein the original power policy places the system in a low-power state after a pre-determined period of time associated with at least one of: (i) a keyboard key press, (ii) mouse activity, and (iii) a device access.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the low-power state is associated with an advanced configuration and power interface low-power state.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the low-power state is associated with at least one of: (i) a global state, (ii) a device power state, (iii) a sleep state, (iv) a processor power state, and (v) a performance state.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein ~~said adjusting comprises reducing the pre-determined period of time~~ the indication comprises turning off the display unit.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
saving the ~~original~~ first power policy.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 71, further comprising:  
receiving from a user via a display unit a second indication that the user is again using the system; and  
~~establishing the first power policy associated with the system that places the system in the low- power state after the first pre-determined period of time, restoring the original power policy associated with the system in response to the second indication.~~
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the system includes a processor and comprises at least one of: (i) a desktop personal computer, (ii) a mobile system, (iii) a workstation, (iv) a server, (v) a set top box, and (vi) a game system.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of said receiving and said adjusting-establishing is performed by at least one of: (i) a software application, (ii) a hardware device, (iii) an operating system, (iv) a driver, and (v) a basic input/output system.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the original-first power policy is configurable by the user.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the original-first power policy is associated with operating system power management.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a processing unit;

an input to receive an affirmative-indication from a user via a peripheral devicedisplay unit that the user is no longer using a system; and

a power policy adjustment unit to establish a first power policy associated with a system that places the system in a low-power state after a first pre-determined period of time, receive from a user an indication via a display unit that the user is no longer using the system, and in response to the indication, establish a second power policy associated with the system that places the system in the low-power state after a second pre-determined period of time, wherein the second pre-determined time is less than the first pre-determined time, adjust an original power policy of the processing unit in response to the received indication, wherein the adjusting comprises utilizing a second power policy in response to the receiving of the affirmative indication.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the indication comprises powering off the display unit, the original power policy places the system in a low-power state after a pre-determined period of time associated with a user activity and said adjusting comprises reducing the pre-determined period of time.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that when executed by a machine result in the following:

establishing a first power policy associated with a system that places the system in a low-power state after a first pre-determined period of time;

receiving from a user an indication via a display unit that the user is no longer using the system, wherein the indication comprises turning off the display unit; and

in response to the indication, establishing a second power policy associated with the system that places the system in the low-power state after a second pre-determined period of time, wherein the second pre-determined time is less than the first pre-determined time.

receiving from a user an affirmative indication via a peripheral device that the user is no longer using a system, wherein the system comprises a processing unit and the peripheral device; and

adjusting an original power policy of the processing unit in response to the received indication.

17. – 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a user display unit control input to receive a request to turn off a display unit associated with the ~~computer~~-system; and

an apparatus, including:

a processing unit;

an input to receive an indication from a user via a display unit that the user is no longer using a system; and

a power policy adjustment unit to establish a first power policy associated with a system that places the system in a low- power state after a first pre-determined period of time, receive from a user an indication via a display unit that the user is no longer using the system, and in response to the indication, establish a second power policy associated with the system that places the system in the low-power state after a second pre-determined period of time, wherein the second pre-determined time is less than the first pre-determined time..

an input to receive an affirmative indication from a user via a peripheral device that the user is no longer using a system; and

a power policy adjustment unit to adjust an original power policy of the processing unit in response to the received indication, wherein the adjusting comprises utilizing a second power policy in response to the receiving of the affirmative indication.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer~~-system of claim 20, wherein the indication comprises turning off the display unit. original power policy places the computer system in a low- power state after a pre-determined period of time associated with a user activity and said adjusting comprises reducing the pre-determined period of time.